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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising United States Department of Energy Feed Materials Production Center P.O. Box 398705 Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705 LIBRARY: SRF-6J

RE: Scraper Use for Excavation

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) November 19, 2003, letter regarding the future use of scrapers to excavate areas of impacted soil that meet the waste acceptance criteria for the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). These proposed changes adequately reflected discussions between representatives of U.S. EPA, U.S. DOE, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency held at a meeting on November 6, 2003.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the future use of scrapers for soil excavation per the conditions described in the November 19, 2003 letter. Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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